

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

**Listing of the Claims**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 1~~claim 6, wherein the alarm mode is terminated when the receiver receives a signal from a transmitter.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 3~~claim 6, wherein the receiver is deactivated when the security unit shifts to the connect mode.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit has a monitoring mode in

which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will cause the security unit to switch to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and optical alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver housed in the security unit outside of the commercial product; and  
activating the receiver when the security unit is shifted to the alarm mode~~Method pursuant to claim 5~~, wherein the security unit has an on-state mode in which the receiver is activated and wherein the security unit is shifted from the on-state mode to a connect mode in which theft protection is not active when the receiver receives a signal from the transmitter, wherein, in the connect mode, the security unit is prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode, and wherein the security unit is shifted from the connect mode to the alarm mode if the security unit is not prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode.

7. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 3~~claim 6, wherein the security unit is placed in the on-state mode when the security unit is switched on.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 8~~claim 13, wherein the alarm mode is terminated when the receiver receives a signal from a transmitter.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 10~~claim 13, wherein the receiver is deactivated when the central unit shifts to the connect mode.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit is connected to a central unit via connectors, and in which the central unit has a monitoring mode, in which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will result in a shift to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optical alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver that is housed in the central unit outside of the commercial product; and

activating the receiver when the central unit is shifted to the alarm mode  
Method pursuant to claim 12, wherein the central unit has an on-state  
mode, in which the receiver is activated and wherein the system is shifted  
from the on-state mode to a connect mode in which theft protection is not  
active when the receiver receives a signal from a transmitter, wherein at  
least one of the security unit and the central unit are prepared in the  
connect mode for a transfer to the monitoring mode, and wherein the  
central unit is shifted from the connect mode to the alarm mode if at least  
one of the security unit and the central unit have not been prepared within  
a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode.

14. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 10~~claim 13,  
wherein the central unit is shifted to the on-state mode when the central  
unit is switched on.

15. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 8~~claim 13,  
wherein a transmitter transmits a selection signal is used to control at least  
one of termination the alarm mode and shift the security unit to a connect  
mode in which theft protection is not activated, the selection signal being  
received by the receiver.

16. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is used to terminate the alarm mode and the selection signal is used to shift the system to the connect mode.

17. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit is connected to a central unit via connectors, and in which the central unit has a monitoring mode, in which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will result in a shift to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optical alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver that is housed in the central unit outside of the commercial product; and  
activating the receiver when the central unit is shifted to the alarm mode~~Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein a transmitter transmits a selection signal that is used to control at least one of termination the alarm mode and shift the security unit to a connect mode in which theft protection is not activated, the selection signal being received by the receiver, and~~  
wherein the security unit has an on-state mode in which the receiver is activated and wherein the alarm mode is not terminated if the selection signal received during the alarm mode differs from another selection signal received by the security unit in the on-state mode.

18. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is encoded.

19. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is stored in the receiver in a volatile memory.

20. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product against theft, in which a security unit is connected to a central unit via connectors, and in which the central unit has a monitoring mode, in which theft protection is active such that a theft attempt will result in a shift to an alarm mode in which at least one of an acoustic and an optical alarm is activated, the method comprising:

deactivating, in the monitoring mode, a receiver that is housed in the central unit outside of the commercial product; and  
activating the receiver when the central unit is shifted to the alarm mode~~Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein a transmitter transmits a~~  
selection signal that is used to control at least one of termination the alarm mode and shift the security unit to a connect mode in which theft protection is not activated, the selection signal being received by the receiver, and  
wherein the security unit and the central unit are switched off and on in

series to transfer a selection signal to the security unit and the central unit, respectively.

21. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein, to transmit the selection signal from the transmitter to the receiver, a remote operating system is used.

22. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein the selection signal is transmitted by a the transmitter to at least one other transmitter.

23. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 8~~ claim 13, wherein one or more operating modes for at least one of the security unit and the central unit are indicated via at least one of an optical and acoustic signal.

24. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 23, wherein the at least one of the optical and acoustic signal is modulated based upon the amount of time remaining in a time interval.

25. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 8~~claim 13, wherein a status of a power source for at least one of the security unit and the central unit is monitored.

26. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 25, wherein at least one of an acoustic and optical signal is emitted based upon the status of the power source.

27. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 8~~claim 13, wherein at least one of multiple security units and multiple central units are operated using a single transmitter.

28. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~claim 1~~claim 6, wherein the security unit is equipped with a bracket component for mounting on the product, and wherein, in attaching the bracket component to the product, monitoring of the bracket component for proper attachment to the product is activated.

29. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein the security unit is equipped with a mounting component that is connected to the bracket component via connectors, for fastening to a mounting point,



and wherein, in attaching the mounting component to the mounting point, a monitoring of the mounting component for proper fastening to the mounting point is activated.

30. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component to the product and attaching the mounting component to a mounting point, the monitoring is activated, wherein in at least one of the bracket component and the mounting component, a measuring loop that comprises at least one sensor is closed.

31. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 30, wherein when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component from the product, the mounting component from the mounting point and the bracket component from the mounting component, the measuring loop is opened.

32. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 28, wherein the security unit is connectable to a central unit via the connectors, and wherein, in the connection of the security unit to the central unit, a

monitoring for proper connection of the security unit to the central unit is activated.

33. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 32, wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component to the product and connecting the security unit to the central unit, the monitoring is activated, and wherein in the bracket component, a measuring loop comprising sensors is closed.

34. (Previously Presented) Method pursuant to claim 33, wherein, when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component from the product and the security unit, the measuring loop is opened.

35.-68. (Cancelled)